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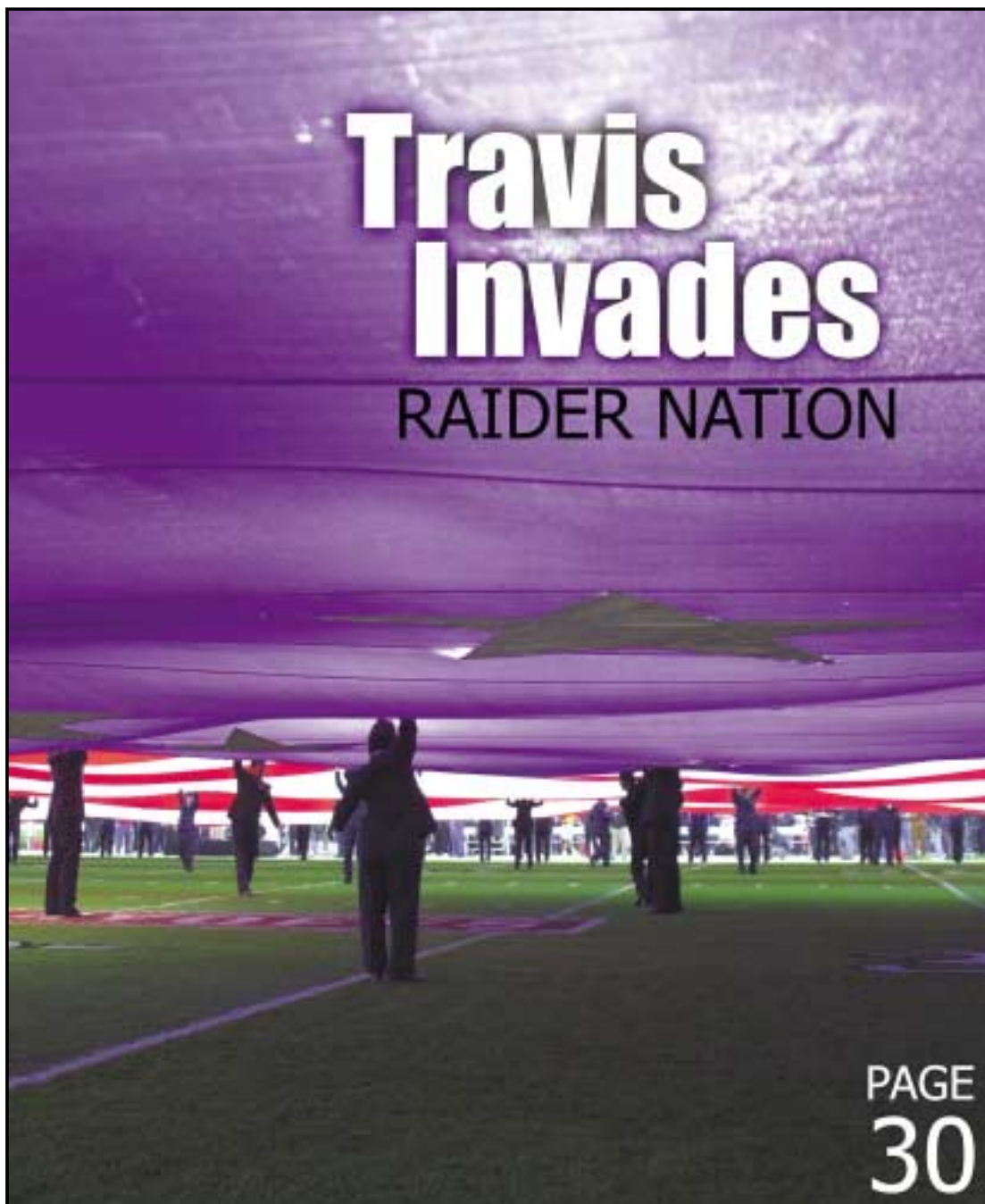
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# Following in Roman's footsteps

## Air Force builds on expeditionary foundation

By Gen. Don Cook

Air Education and Training Command commander

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — Around 390 B.C., after the burning of Rome, the leaders of the Roman Empire had to develop new tactics to defeat unconventional barbarian attackers. These loosely banded armies proved too mobile for the fixed-formation Romans to target and conquer.

Thus, the Roman Legion was born and the history of organized expeditionary forces along with it. These small units were built to travel fast and light, with many of the soldiers possessing skills in several specialties. They were highly successful in conquering armies throughout Europe and Africa, even when outnumbered.

Over the past 2,000 years, other armies have followed in the Roman's footsteps by building fighting forces of smaller, mobile units composed of different combat elements capable of changing their tactics and organization to suit the fight at hand.

Today, in our relatively young 55-year-old Air Force, we call this combat organization an Air and Space Expeditionary Force. It mirrors the ancient Roman Legion in design with the modern lethality of air and space assets.

It is also a system that has been in place since the birth of military aviation. During World War I, Brig. Gen. Billy Mitchell flew the first AEF mission in France.

In World War II, we deployed expeditionary forces to Burma, China and North Africa. Today we are conducting our war on terrorism and steady-state operations with deployed, mobile troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Southwest Asia and many other locations throughout the world.

It is with this expeditionary legacy in mind that we fine tune our tactics and determine the best strategy for our involvement in the contingencies of today and tomorrow.

In forging the new AEF system, then-Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Ryan said the Air Force consistently overcomes difficulties and adapts to its changing role as an expeditionary force.

As we prepared to employ AEF, he said in February 1998, "We must focus our efforts on developing the process, the struc-



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Photo by Staff Sgt. Aaron Allmon

A security forces Phoenix Raven stands guard as a 320th Air Expeditionary Wing C-130 Hercules taxis at an austere landing zone in Afghanistan. Today, the Air Force is conducting its war on terrorism and steady-state operations with deployed, mobile troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Southwest Asia and many other locations throughout the world.

ture, the procedures, and most importantly the mindset to be expeditionary."

Four years later, after some tweaking, we've got the process, structure and procedures down pretty well. We have refined and expanded our expeditionary abilities to go farther and faster while doing so leaner and smarter. We have made technological and innovative advances beyond the imagination of aviation pioneers that have allowed us to cross the threshold of the 21st century as the most lethal fighting force in the history of the world.

Now it's up to us to fully develop the mindset to be expeditionary.

We must all be prepared and understand the fundamentals of an expeditionary force in a deployed operation. We also need to

instill in all our members, especially our new airmen and junior officers, that they will likely experience time away from home.

Keep yourself in good physical condition, stay mentally prepared and spiritually sound. Do everything your deployment managers require of you to maintain your readiness. Keep your job skills current, and ensure everyone who works for you does the same.

It's also important to make sure your family and other personal matters are in order in case you get the call to deploy.

When completing training, such as self-aid and buddy care, don't simply go through the motions to get that item checked off your deployment checklist. Complete those training sessions as if your life and the lives of your friends depend on it — because they very well may.

Participate in training exercises as if they are the real deal. Our exercise evaluation teams work hard to present realistic scenarios. When you approach these exercises with a sense of urgency and attention to detail, you are preparing yourself to survive and operate if called to do so in actual combat. More importantly, you are doing your part for the team, whose members rely on each other to be confident and competent in the face of adversity.

By doing these things, you develop an expeditionary mindset — knowing that it takes continual education, training and commitment beyond our day-to-day tasks to be true Air Force warriors.

This is our legacy and our future. (Courtesy of AETC News Service)

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### On the Cover



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Travis personnel unfurl a giant flag during an NFL Playoff game Sunday. See Page 30.

# Super prizes offered during Travis Super Bowl party

DBC offers fun for everyone — sports fans, families, video gamers, more

By Linda Mann-liames  
60th Services Squadron

The Super Bowl will be shown on just about every TV in every bar in town, but the Delta Breeze Club's party is a special event for the entire family. With more than \$2,500 in prizes, three rooms to watch the game, an XBOX competition, a handicap contest and free food, everyone is a winner.

Sunday is the culmination of the Air Force Football Frenzy promotion that sent Travis people to the Dallas Cowboys-San Francisco 49ers game and the Super Bowl. The Air Force, DirectTV and the National Football League have donated prizes to be given away at the party, including NFL-licensed sweats, radios, backpacks, caps, key chains and more.

Each week throughout the 2002 NFL season, the DBC hosted Monday Night Football for all ranks in the Gold Rush Lounge where fans could watch the game on the 15-foot big screen TV while enjoying free hors d'oeuvres and drink specials.

The tradition continues with the same types of treats at the Super Bowl party.

In addition, families with children 12 and

under can enjoy the game and the free food and prize drawings in the Oakview Room without the bar atmosphere.

Fans of both teams can show their team spirit with free face painting by LAKE Studio's. Professional airbrush make-up artist Lynn Larson will decorate faces and arms with stencils and team colors. LAKE Studio's is also giving away two \$75 gift certificates toward photograph and body painting services.

To add to the fun, XBOX gamers can compete for prizes in the Brew Haus Lounge at the ArcadeXperience monthly competition during the Super Bowl party. XBOX is giving away four NFL Fever video games.

Skiers and snowboarders will vie for the Kirkwood lift tickets and a free ski/snowboard tune up.

Someone will win tickets to the Supercuts AMA Superbike Challenge from Infineon Raceway and 10 people will win free Nextel phones and activation from Coast to Coast Communications.

Nevaeh Salon of Napa will be giving away two \$50 gift certificates for a massage and hair service to DBC partygoers.

Everyone is invited to the DBC's Super Bowl party at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Kick-off is scheduled for 3 p.m. Members get in free and non-members pay \$3 admission. For more information about the party call the DBC at 437-3711.

## Martial Arts Dojo Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Intro to Judo 12:00-1:30 pm HAWK/Niki	Prtg 8 a.m. - 1 a.m. Niki 12:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Niki	Intro to Judo 11-12:30 1st & 2nd Wld Kajunbo 5-6:30 pm Claire	Prtg 8 a.m. - 7 a.m. Niki 12:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Dana	Prtg 8:30-9:30 Niki Kajunbo 4:30-6 pm Claire
Kung Fu San Soo 5:30-8 pm Beto	Wing Chun 6:30-8 pm James	Kung Fu San Soo 6:30-8 pm Beto	Wing Chun 6:30-8 pm James	

## Aerobics Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Core Cycling 5:30-6:30 a.m. Sall	Core Step 5:30-6:30 a.m. Rita	Core Cycling 5:30-6:30 a.m. Sall	Core Step 5:30-6:30 a.m. Rita		Cycling 8-9 a.m.
Cardio/Step 8:30-10:30 a.m. Niki	Senior Fitness 9-10 a.m. Niki	Yoga 8:30-10:30 a.m. Dana	Senior Fitness 9-10 a.m. Rita	Prtg 8:30-9:30 a.m. Martial Arts Ugc Niki	Total Fitness 9-10 a.m.
Core Step 11:30 am-12:30 p.m. Harvey	Core Cycling 11:30 am-12:30 p.m. Mark	Core Step 11:30 am-12:30 p.m. Harvey	Core Cycling 11:30 am-12:30 p.m. Mark	Core Step 11:30 am-12:30 p.m. Harvey	
		Intro to Cycling 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. HAWK/Niki			
	Squadron Cycle 2-4 p.m. 15th AF		Squadron Cycle 2-4 p.m. 15th AF		
Fit Fitness (12 & older) 4-5 pm MGO	Squadron Cycle 4-6 pm MGO	Fit Fitness (12 & older) 4-5 pm Niki	Squadron Cycle 4-6 pm MGO		
Core Step 5-6 p.m. Rita	Core Step 5-6 p.m. Kathy/Harvey	Core Step 5-6 p.m. Tanya	Core Cycling 5-6 p.m. Rita	Core Kickboxing 5-6 p.m. Tanya	
Kata + Kata Kickboxing 6-7 p.m. Amanda/Niki	Core Power Blast 6-7 p.m. Kathy/Niki		Power Blast 6-7 p.m. Kathy	Yoga 6-7 p.m. Tanya	
Cycling 7-8 p.m. Lori	Cycling 7-8 p.m. Rita	Cycling 7-8 p.m. Lori	Cycling 7-8 p.m. Jan		

AEROBIC AND EXERCISE PROGRAM Please check the current schedule for seasonal changes. Core classes are free to active duty military only. You must present your military ID to be allowed into the class. All other classes require a pass for both active duty and other authorized users. For details, call 424-2055.

## TRAVIS CINEMA

### Adam Sandler's Eight Crazy Nights

(PG-13), Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 7 p.m.  
Animated

Davey is lurching down a wayward path. He's facing prison when Whitey proposes that Davey work with him at the community center as a referee for the local basketball league. But the true test is whether Davey can rise above his self-destructive habits. (Frequent crude and sexual humor, drinking and brief drug references) 71 mins.

### The Hot Chick

(PG-13), Friday, 9:30 p.m.

Starring: Rob Schneider, Rachel McAdams

A "popular yet mean-spirited"

teenage girl wakes up one day to find herself turned into a man. Along the way to finding out how she ended up like that, she discovers how shallow and cruel she's always been. (Crude and sexual humor, language and drug references) 101 mins.

### Solaris

(PG-13), Saturday, 9:30 p.m.

Starring: George Clooney, Natascha McElhone

Dr. Chris Kelvin is asked to investigate the unexplained behavior of a small group of scientists aboard the space station Prometheus, who have cut off all communication with Earth. (Sexuality, nudity, brief language and thematic elements) 99 mins.

Travis movie schedules are subject to change after publication. For up-to-the-minute information, call 437-3855 or visit [www.aafes.com/ems](http://www.aafes.com/ems).

### Looking for Sports Info.



The Tailwind is always looking for sports news and features. If you have an idea for a sports story, call the Tailwind at 424-0131. Sports stories can include unusual hobbies or pastimes as well.





Photos by Tech. Sgt. Jim Verchio / 60th AMW Public Affairs



**Top** — Travis' flag detail shows the crowd who's No. 1 prior to deploying the Superflag at the Oakland Raiders playoff game Sunday against the Tennessee Titans. **Above** — Following the National Anthem, the playoff crowd was treated to a four-ship formation of F-15s from Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. **Right** — Travis personnel wave to the Network Associates Coliseum crowd following the flag ceremony. The flag team, comprised of more than 200 men and women from the Armed Forces and emergency responders from the Bay Area, took less than 15 seconds to open the giant flag.



## Travis shows 'true colors' during NFL Playoff game

About 200 Travis people unfurl giant U.S. flag during Raiders, Titans championship matchup

By Tech. Sgt. Scott King  
60th AMW Public Affairs

**B**ay Area football fans showed their patriotism and appreciation for the

Air Force Sunday, as the Oakland Raiders took on the Tennessee Titans during the American Football Conference East NFL Championship game at Network Associates Coliseum in Oakland, Calif.

As part of pre-game festivities, more than 200 people from Travis unfurled a giant U. S. "Superflag" during the National Anthem. Right on Queue, the crowd was then treated to an Air Force flyover by a 4-ship, F-15E formation from the 391st Fighter Squadron, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.

"While holding the flag, seeing the F-15s fly over, standing in my uniform and listening to the crowd yell U-S-A over and over, I realized all of these things are the sounds of freedom — I'm proud to protect that," said 2nd Lt. Tora King, a 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

section commander. "I was overwhelmed by the amount of respect and gratitude we received from all of the fans. It really made the whole day worth-while."

This isn't the first time Travis people have been asked to support local sporting events. Because of its location, in between San Francisco and Sacramento, the base routinely supports local professional sports teams with its Air Force Band of the Golden West, Honor Guard and flag details.

In October, a 100-man flag detail and the Travis Honor Guard supported the San Francisco Giants in their bid to become World Series Champions. Just last month, another team of people performed pre-game and halftime festivities for the San Francisco 49ers NFL team during their playoff run.

"The men and women in blue from Travis do an awesome job for us every year," said Mary Barnes, director of entertainment for the Raiders. "Our team and fans love it when we bring the military out — it's obvious

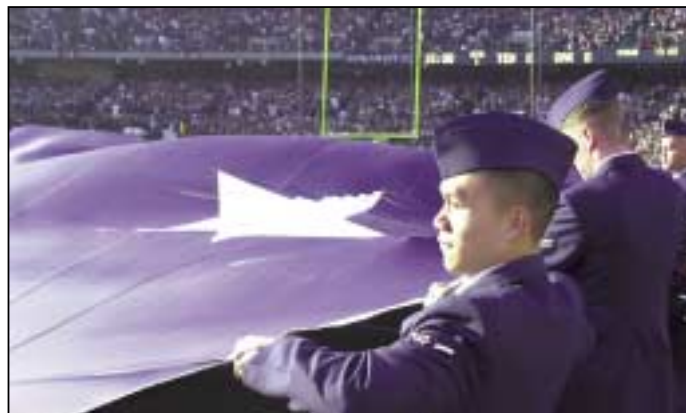
from the response we get from the crowd that America's military commands respect and our fans let them know it."

It's also important to the men and women who wear the blue suit to know American's support them

"Walking in my blues through the tailgate section of the parking lot, I met quite a few Raider fans," said Master Sgt. Derrick Givens from the 60th Comptroller Squadron. With the biggest game of the season about to take place inside, they wanted to know how we were doing, did we want something to eat. They told us thank you for doing what we do."

Givens said they didn't talk football — they wanted to know how their country's military was doing.

"They too, wanted to be a part of something bigger than themselves," he said. "Someone pointed out we were wearing blue (the color of the Tennessee Titans). I reminded him of what team we're on, what and who we were fighting for and against, and what was at stake. He pointed to the red, white and blue Raider on his hat, we exchanged salutes and I was off to unfurl America's symbol — the flag."



Members of the Travis flag detail keep the Superflag from touching the ground Sunday at the Oakland Raiders playoff game against the Tennessee Titans. More than 200 people are needed to unfold the flag which covers the entire grid iron.

# Wing names quarterly award winners

## Airman of the Quarter

**Airman 1st Class  
Cynthia Arpan**  
60th CRS



Arpan, 60th Component Maintenance Squadron Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory, was selected as the 60th Air Mobility Wing Airman of the Quarter.

According to Arpan's nomination package, she is a "dynamic and deeply motivated airman — No. 1 out of 958 of her peers."

Arpan was also cited for producing 67 items last quarter, as well as calibrating 16 critical lab standards.

## NCO of the Quarter

**Staff Sgt. Neil Jones**  
60th CES



Jones, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal, was selected as the 60th Air Mobility Wing Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter.

According to Jones' nomination package, he manages the largest munitions account on Travis and maintains meticulous control of more than 2,850 line items.

Jones was also cited for leading a team during an off-base response when local authorities discovered a pipe-bomb.

## Senior NCO of the Quarter

**Master Sgt.  
William Kramer**  
60th CMS



Kramer, 60th Component Maintenance Squadron, was selected as the 60th Air Mobility Wing Senior NCO of the Quarter.

According to Kramer's nomination package, the sergeant's AGE reliability checks contributed to a 94 percent C-5 home station departure rate.

He was also lauded for completing 431 schedule inspections — surpassing the best AMC in-completion rate by 5 percent.

## Junior CGO of the Quarter

**1st Lt. Kelli Silverstrim**  
60th MDTs



Silverstrim, 60th Medical Diagnostics and Therapeutic Squadron, was selected as the 60th Air Mobility Wing Junior Company Grade Officer of the Quarter.

Silverstrim's spearheaded the first Air Force radiation protection initiative covering five Tricare regions and eight Air Force bases. She was also cited for preventing a work stoppage and saving \$6,000 in personal services contract during a contractor absence.

## Senior CGO of the Quarter

**Capt. Mark Tate**  
60th APS



Tate, 60th Aerial Port Squadron Air Freight Flight commander, was selected as the 60th Air Mobility Wing Senior CGO of the Quarter.

According to Tate's nomination package, he leads 170 personnel in the Fifteenth Air Force's largest Air Freight Flight.

He was also lauded for working with U.S. Customs to avert an international cargo issue, and coordinating airlift requirements for the movement of a \$100 million weapons system.

## Civilian Employee of the Quarter

**Elsworth Butts**  
60th SVS



Butts, 60th Services Squadron, was selected as the 60th Air Mobility Wing Civilian Employee of the Quarter.

According to Butts' nomination package, he is a "hard charging employee who always takes initiative to perform his duties above and beyond his pay grade." He was also cited for receiving numerous positive customer comments, as well as revitalizing the Fitness Center's front desk operations.

## Civilian Manager of the Quarter

**Robert McMahon**  
60th MXS



McMahon, 60th Maintenance Operations Squadron, was selected as the 60th Air Mobility Wing Civilian Manager of the Quarter.

According to his nomination package, McMahon is a "to p-notch leader and brilliant logistician." He deployed 203 personnel to 33 diverse locations last quarter, and was the "driving force" behind the procurement of the 60th Maintenance Group router network.

## Annual awards banquet

Today is the final day of ticket sales for the 60th Air Mobility Wing Annual Awards Banquet. The banquet is Jan. 31 in the Delta Breeze Club Ballroom.

Social hour begins at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Military dress is mess dress or semi-formal, and civilian attire is formal.

Tickets are available through unit first sergeants.

Tickets cost \$20, and an additional \$2 surcharge will be added for non-club cardholders.

# Travis team travels to Washington, briefs senior Air Force leaders

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Diamond  
60th AMW Public Affairs

Last year, when Canadian forces and equipment had to be extracted from Afghanistan, the Air Force called upon Travis C-5s to complete the historic mission.

According to Travis officials, sending the C-5 into the Kandahar, Afghanistan, not only took the skilled precision of aircrews, it also took the men and women behind the scenes to make sure the aircraft were ready to fly into harms way.

Although the initial estimate called for 27 sorties to complete the mission, the Travis aircrews and support personnel got the job done in just 24.

Following the mission, Capt. Aaron Sasson, a Travis maintenance officer, said, "The C-5, when it's properly supported, is the most critical asset to strategic airlift."

Team Travis proved that statement and Air Force officials took notice.

The mission caught the attention of top Air Force leaders, including Dr. James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force, and Gen. John P. Jumper, Air

Force Chief of Staff.

On Dec. 9, Lt. Col. Mark Dillon, 22nd Airlift Squadron commander, and Lt. Col. Jim Spaulding, 715th Air Mobility Squadron commander, were asked to lead a team of five Travis NCOs to the Pentagon to brief the secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force chief of staff concerning the historic C-5 deployment.

The NCOs who accompanied Dillon and Spaulding are: Master Sgt. Roy Dietz (21st AS), Master Sgt. Lavell Williams (615th AMS), Staff Sgt. Erick Fierro (22nd AS), Staff Sgt. Kevin Bridgeforth (60th AGS), and Airman Michael Holtzclaw (60th APS).

"These five NCOs not only are great airmen, they were handpicked to represent all Team Travis specialties that helped make history, including maintenance, operations, aerial port and air mobility operations.

Dillon added that the five NCOs "represent not only what it takes to make the C-5 move and the finest of Team Travis, but most importantly — why, in America's Air Force, 'No One Comes Close.'"



Courtesy photo

Following their mission briefing to senior Air Force leaders, the seven-person Travis team stands with Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff (fourth from the left) and Dr. James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force (center). The Travis team members are Lt. Col. Mark Dillon, Lt. Col. Jim Spaulding, Master Sgt. Roy Dietz, Master Sgt. Lavell Williams, Staff Sgt. Erick Fierro, Staff Sgt. Kevin Bridgeforth, and Airman Michael Holtzclaw.

# Safety Office offers tips for inclement-weather driving

By 60th AWM Safety Office

In 2002, the Air Force had 585 reportable private vehicle mishaps.

The mishaps consisted of 341 four-wheel and 171 two-wheel vehicles with a tremendous loss of duty days.

Seventy-one of these mishaps resulted in fatalities, and most the mishaps could have been avoided if the drivers were more attentive to their surroundings and acting on mishap preventive measures.

There are three main factors that have contributed to these circumstances, lack of situational awareness, failure to adjust to road conditions and inadequate trip preparations.

The winter season brings about many situations that increase hazards while driving. Inclement weather is a major player in this area, including wet roads and dense fog.

Below are some tips provided by the 60th AWM Safety Office and the California Highway Patrol that can help save lives.

## Driving in inclement weather preparation safety tips:

- » Plan your route of travel before getting on the road.
- » Look at a weather report prior to

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traveling on the road.

- » Ensure vehicle windows are clear of all condensation and smudge before attempting to drive.
- » Ensure tires have proper tread to avoid hydroplaning on wet roads

## Fog driving safety tips:

- » Drive with lights on low beam. High beams will reflect off the fog, creating a "white wall" effect.
- » Reduce your speed and watch your speedometer. Fog creates a visual illusion of slow motion when you may actually be speeding.
- » Avoid crossing traffic lanes.
- » Travel with the driver's window partially open, and listen for traffic.
- » Watch for CHP pace cars to guide you.
- » If your car becomes disabled or you can't continue driving, pull well onto the shoulder, turn off lights, and move away

from your vehicle.

- » Consider postponing your trip until the fog lifts.

## Wet weather driving safety tips:

- » A hard rain can limit visibility and traction. If you must drive under such conditions, it's helpful to use your headlights to make sure others see you, slow down and avoid hard braking and turning sharply.
- » Stopping on a slippery surface requires more distance, so increase your following distance. Focus your attention as far ahead as possible - at least 20 to 30 seconds.
- » The best way to stop on a slippery surface if your car is not equipped with antilock brakes is to use threshold, or controlled, braking and shift to neutral. To do this, keep your heel on the floor and use your toes to apply firm pressure on the brake pedal fairly hard so the

wheels nearly lock. If the wheels do lock, ease off the brake pedal slightly, to a point just before locking. This will help your vehicle stop without locking the wheels.

» If your car is equipped with antilock brakes, you should remember that the key to activating the antilock system is steady, firm pressure to the brake pedal. Many motorists still "pump" the brakes in wet driving conditions, but antilock brake systems make pumping obsolete. If you try to pump antilock brakes, you'll only confuse the computerized control unit, effectively "shutting off" the system.

» Proper tire care also plays a big part in wet-weather safety. Good tire treads allow water to escape from under the tires, which lowers the risk of hydroplaning at moderate speeds. Keeping tires properly inflated also helps maintain traction.

» If conditions become too hazardous to continue driving, it is best to pull off the road at a rest area or exit the freeway and go to a protected area until conditions improve. If the side of the road is the only option, pull off as far as possible, preferably past the end of a guardrail. Turn off your headlights, but turn on your emergency flashers to alert other drivers.

## Travis Boulevard repairs to resume

By 60th Civil Engineering Squadron

Project repairs on Travis Boulevard from the just outside the front gate to Airlift Drive will resume in late February or early March.

At a funded cost of \$3.3 million, the project includes a new asphalt surface, new curbs and gutters in some places, as well as street lighting and new traffic controls at the intersections of First Street, Broadway, Sky-master and Ragsdale.

The project is divided into seven phases.

Phase One, which started in October and ended Dec. 13, repaired the in-bound lanes from the western property boundary to Ragsdale Avenue, including work on the Front Gate incorporating force protection measures.

Phase Two — scheduled to resume in late February or early March — will complete the repairs to the main gate area of Travis Boulevard, focusing on the out-bound lanes.

## Airmen can file taxes online for free

ST. LOUIS (AFP) -- The Treasury Department, Office of Management and Budget and the Internal Revenue Service in Washington launched a new Web site Jan. 17 featuring private-sector partners who will allow eligible taxpayers to prepare and file their taxes online for free.

A substantial number of citizens will be able to use this service.

President Bush proposed free online tax filing last February as one of his e-government initiatives. Less

than one year later, millions of Americans will benefit from free online tax filing services if they are eligible.

Generally, eligibility will be based on factors such as age, adjusted gross income, state residency, military status or eligibility to file a Form 1040EZ or for the Earned Income Tax Credit.

The primary candidates for Free File are those taxpayers who prepare their own taxes and still file paper returns.

For more details, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

## Wing commander visits Travis AMOGers



Photos by 1st Lt. Angela Arredondo / 60th AMW Public Affairs

**Above** — Staff Sgt. L.J. Molina, a KC-10 boom operator here, greets Brig. Gen. Brad Baker, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, at Building P1. The 615th Air Mobility Group hosted Baker for an in-depth tour Jan. 16.



**Left** — 2nd Lt. Ryan Latreille (far right) explains the capabilities of a satellite dish to General Baker. The dish is part of theater deployable communications.

# Identity theft a concern for AF families

By Tailwind staff

In an Air Force News article released last year, agents from the Air Force Office of Special Investigations headquarters at Andrews AFB, Md., said Air Force members need to be cautious with personal information.

Of primary concern to the AFOSI is identity theft, a crime in which a criminal gathers personal information about a person, through theft or by the victim volunteering such information.

The criminal then uses that information to apply for loans or credit cards, or uses the victim's credit card numbers to make unauthorized purchases.

When a person's identity is stolen, the damage done to credit and financial histories can be immeasurable and extremely difficult to repair, especially when dealing with creditors who want the person to pay for things he or she may never have bought.

Use the following tips if you think you've fallen victim to an identity thief:

» Contact the fraud departments of each of the three major credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian and Trans Union.

» The Federal Trade Commission maintains the Identity

## Booklet offers help for identity theft

A Federal Trade Commission booklet offers guidance for people who have fallen victim to a fast-growing crime: identity theft.

Defense Department officials believe that it is possible that some Tricare beneficiaries could be subject to identity theft because of the Dec. 14 theft of office computers in Phoenix from military health-care contractor TriWest Healthcare Alliance.

The FTC publication, "ID Theft: When Bad Things Happen to Your Good Name," points out that skilled identity thieves have proven adept over the last several years. It explains how they use low- and high-tech methods to gain access to personal data like social security numbers and credit card account information.

The publication is available online at [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft). (Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)

Theft Data Clearinghouse, the federal government's identity theft complaint database, and provides information to identity theft victims. Call the FTC toll-

free at 1-877-438-4338.

» For any accounts that have been fraudulently accessed or opened, contact the security departments of the appropriate creditors or financial institutions. Close these accounts. Put passwords (not your mother's maiden name) on any new accounts you open.

» File a report with your local police or the police where the identity theft took place. Get a copy of the report in case the bank, credit card company, or others need proof of the crime.

» Visit the U.S. government's central Web site for information about identity theft. The Internet address is [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft).

» One of the best ways to catch identity theft is to regularly check your credit record. Order your credit report from each of the three major credit bureaus each year and make sure all the information is correct.

» Follow up with creditors if your bills do not arrive on time. A missing credit card bill could mean an identity thief has taken over your credit card account and changed your billing address to cover his tracks.

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### Jan. 13

- » Animal control issue reported on Travis
- » Animal control issue reported on Travis Avenue
- » Stolen property reported in Antioch, Calif.
- » Medical emergency reported at the Base Exchange
- » Theft of private property reported on Armstrong Street
- » Animal control issue on Hamilton Street
- » Damage to private property on Travis
- » Domestic assault reported on Vermont Street
- » Animal control issue reported on the Mass Parking Area

### Jan. 14

- » Theft of government property at Building 836
- » Minor vehicle accident at Building 187
- » Fire response on Diablo Drive
- » Verbal altercation on Esterbrook Drive
- » Medical emergency at Building 690
- » Minor vehicle accident in the parking area of Building 659
- » Minor vehicle accident in the Base Exchange parking area
- » Verbal altercation on Allen Court

### Jan. 15

- » Medical emergency reported at the base gym
- » Larceny reported at the Base Exchange
- » Apprehended AWOL member at the Main Gate
- » Fire response to Illinois Street

## CRIME STOPPER

### TRAVIS SECURITY FORCES ACTIVITY

- » Theft of private property reported at the Base Exchange
- » Apprehended AWOL member on Travis
- » Loud music complaint reported on Ryan Court

### Jan. 16

- » Theft of government property reported in parking area of Building 228
- » Minor vehicle accident reported on Dixon Avenue
- » Fire emergency reported at Building P-14
- » Animal control issue on Ellsworth Avenue
- » Medical emergency at Building 438
- » Minor vehicle accident in the parking area of Building 249
- » Theft of private property on Travis
- » Juvenile mischief reported at the Youth Center
- » Animal control issue on Maine Street

- » Medical emergency on Nevada Street

### Jan. 17

- » Medical emergency reported at Building 237
- » Medical emergency reported at Building 404
- » Medical emergency reported on Cassidy Court
- » Minor vehicle accident reported in the David Grant medical Center parking area
- » Fire emergency reported from Youth Center
- » Medical emergency reported from Suisun City
- » Loud noise complaint on Ryan Court

### Saturday

- » Harassment reported from the Shoppette parking area
- » Loud music complaint reported from Ryan Court

### Sunday

- » Minor vehicle accident reported on Building 172
- » Failure to obey a lawful order, resisting arrest, assault, and disorderly conduct reported at the Main Gate
- » Damage to private property reported from Hamilton Street

### Crime Tip

Mark all high value personal property with your state drivers license number for identification purposes. If found, this will enable law enforcement agencies to identify you as the owner.





**Special Operations** — depicts a B-17 Flying Fortress dropping its payload on an aircraft plant in Germany during World War II.



**Eye in the Sky** — depicts Global Hawk, the unmanned aerial vehicle that provides real-time intel to U.S. forces.

## Public Affairs offers Air Power series lithographs, postcards

The 60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs Office has several boxes of 8x10 lithographs and 4x6 postcards based on 100 Years of Air Power.

The lithograph series includes 11 photographs. In addition to those shown here, the series includes "The Tuskegee Airman," "Women Air Force Service Pilots," "Air Force Thunderbirds," "Early Aerial Refueling" with the DeHavilland DH-4, "Bombing the Ostfriesland,"

and "The Early Years," which depicts Wilbur and Orville Wright building their first heavier-than-air military flying machine.

The postcard series includes similar images. Both products are for official use only and will be distributed on a first-come-first-serve basis. To get a pack of lithographs or postcards, visit Public Affairs, located in the 60th Air Mobility Wing headquarters building (Building 51, Room 231).



**SR-71 Blackbird** — depicts the SR-71 Blackbird reconnaissance aircraft.



**Special Operations** — depicts an AC-130H Spectre, used for close air support.



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**The Space Age** — shows the Feb. 20, 1958, Atlas missile launch from Cape Canaveral.

## Military Personnel and Immediate Family

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# SHINING STAR

## TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE



1st Lt. Angela Arredondo / 60th AMW Public Affairs

Linda Corpus, 60th Operations Support Squadron Current Operations, points out an area of Travis airspace on a map.

## Current Ops balances airspace, mission

If the sky over Travis is like a stage in the sky that mixes C-5 Galaxy cargo planes, KC-10 refuelers, commercial aircraft and everything in between ... then the 60th Operations Support Squadron is the director.

Linda Corpus, who works in Current Operations, likes being at the heart of the complex coordination required to manage Travis resources.

"I've got the coolest job," Corpus said. "I sit here with some of Travis' best. You go to anybody here and get a quality answer because these people are truly experts in their field."

Corpus works in airspace management and mission development. She helps coordinate taskings from the Tanker Airlift Control Center at Scott Air Force Base and works with affected agencies like security forces, aircrews and even U.S. embassies.

"We have the distinct pleasure of calling all over the world, especially when dealing with hazardous cargo. My job is different every day and I never get bored," Corpus said.

She is also involved with the proposed beddown of C-17s here. This involves developing airspace and training plans, plotting air routes, and balancing environmental concerns, public opinion and the use of resources.

Corpus served for 10 years on active duty and has 15 years in the Reserves. She is currently a member of the 312th Airlift Squadron here. She was recently named the 60th Operations Group Civilian of the Quarter.

"Linda is a very conscientious worker," said Maj. Donald Anderson, Wing Current Operations commander. "Her behind-the-scenes work directly contributes to the awesome mission success of the Travis C-5s. Whether it is pushing for, and attaining, blanket diplomatic clearances for our jets to flow into [deployed locations] or working directly with headquarters to move President Bush's support packages throughout the world, we all rely on her expertise to make it happen."

— Tailwind staff

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# SHINING STAR

## TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE



Tech. Sgt. Mark Diamond / 60th AMW Public Affairs

Airman 1st Class Cynthia Arpan, a PMEL journeyman with the 60th Component Maintenance Squadron.

## PMEL troop earns Rocker Award

Airman 1st Class Cynthia Arpan, a 60th Component Maintenance Squadron Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory journeyman, was selected as Top 3 Council's January Rocker Award winner.

According to the PMEL quality assurance section chief, Master Sgt. Richard Horn, Arpan is an outstanding airman both on and off duty.

The master sergeant said Arpan recently completed all 5-level requirements, is actively attending English Composition and Intermediate Algebra classes at Solano Community College, and is preparing for the Airman Education and Commissioning Program — all while maintaining a 3.9 grade point average.

In November, Arpan — who has been at Travis since August 2001 — was selected as the squadron POC for the Education to Career Day project, leading a team of 12 airmen in the construction of career day displays. "The event was attended by about 500 area high school seniors," added Horn.

He said Arpan was also very active in the Drug Education For Youth program where she helped mentor 55 "at risk" children. In November, Arpan led a DEFY bake sale at the Base Exchange that raised \$750. The funds were used to purchase furniture for the Yountville Veteran's Home.

"She has demonstrated outstanding leadership for such a young airman ... her future potential is limitless," Horn said. "I think she represents the type of airman who represents the core values of the Air Force."

Arpan said what she enjoys most about her job is the people she works with. As a PMEL journeyman, she calibrates and repairs test equipment. The PMEL shop at Travis supports more than 230 customers from a three-state region, including California, Nevada and Oregon.

— Tailwind staff

# Commemorate

## Foundation unveils special Doolittle coin

By 1st Lt. Angela Arredondo  
60th AMW Public Affairs

The military tradition of the "round, metal object" is an important part of Air Force heritage and esprit de corps. In support of that custom, the Jimmy Doolittle Air and Space Museum Foundation is selling commemorative coins to pay tribute and raise funds for the 61st annual Doolittle Raiders reunion, which will be held here April 16 to 18.

"We need to sell hundreds of coins to generate as many fundraising dollars as possible in the few short weeks remaining before the reunion," said Cathleen Handlin, project manager, Jimmy Doolittle Air and Space Museum.

"Revenue generated from coin sales will go to the Jimmy Doolittle Air and Space Museum Foundation to help cover operational costs for the reunion. Because we're a non-profit organization, money spent by coin purchasers qualifies as a tax-deduction."

A coin in a velvet-lined box is on sale for \$15 and a coin by itself is \$8. One side of the coin features a portrait of Jimmy Doolittle with an American flag, and the other side has a B-25 plane.

Additionally, volunteers are needed to sell coins within their

units. To volunteer or for more information, contact Staff Sgt. Rick Figueroa at [rick.figueroa@60mdg.travis.af.mil](mailto:rick.figueroa@60mdg.travis.af.mil) or 423-7775.

"It's a great opportunity to build a new museum for everybody to see," Figueroa said. "I am also a coin connoisseur myself, so that's why I got involved. This is a part of our heritage."



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# Scholarship money available from TROA

By Tailwind staff

The Retired Officers Association is once again giving away scholarship money to qualified individuals.

Base/Post Scholarship is a TROA program to honor 100 college-bound or current undergraduate students with individual \$1,000 scholarship grants for the 2003-2004 school year.

TROA is the nation's leading association for military officers, with nearly 390,000 members. Membership is open to active-duty officers, warrant officers, Reserves and National Guard, former or retired officers and warrant officers, and surviving spouses.

"The Base/Post Scholarship program is part of our ongoing effort to assist more young people in our nation's military families," said retired Vice Adm. Norbert Ryan, Jr., TROA president. "TROA's scholarship grants and zero-interest loans are currently helping 1,500 children of military personnel to meet their college expenses. We look forward to receiving many applications from Travis."

To be eligible for a TROA grant, an applicant must be the dependent child of an active-duty member or drilling

***TROA to issue 100 grants of \$1,000 a piece for college-bound students this coming school year.***

Reserve/National Guard member, officer or enlisted, of the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, United States Public Health Service or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Applicants must also be high school seniors or college students working on their first undergraduate degree, under the age of 24 and planning to attend an accredited college or university as a full-time student in the fall of 2003.

No GPA, SAT or essays are required for the Base/Post Scholarship application. Scholarship winners will be randomly selected from among all applicants, with representation given to each of the uniformed services, including drilling Reserves and National Guard. An applicant's sponsor does not have to be a member of TROA.

Applications can only be

made online at <http://www.troa.org>. The Web site's opening page has the phrase "Educational Aid" in the left margin. Click there to view all TROA scholarship information, instructions and multi-program applications.

Deadline for entry in the Base/Post Scholarship program is 9 a.m. March 1 for Travis applicants. The deadline is strict and there can be no exceptions.

Chosen semi-finalists will be notified by March 30 via E-mail and the self-check area of the Web site. They must then send proof of college acceptance or registration for the 2003-2004 school year and copies of the applicant's and sponsor's military ID cards. Information should be sent to: TROA, Base/Post Scholarship, 201 N. Washington St., Alexandria, VA 22314-2311.

Winners will be notified in May.

If a home computer is not available to an applicant, one may be accessed in a school counselor's office or public library. For the answers to questions not stated on the TROA Web site, E-mail [edasist@troa.org](mailto:edasist@troa.org).

## HOMETOWN NEWS RELEASES

Fill out the Department of Defense Form 2266 and bring it in to the Public Affairs Office in Bldg. 51, Room 232.

# General discusses possibility of war

By Staff Sgt. Elaine Aviles  
39th Wing Public Affairs

INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey (AFPN) — The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff stopped here Jan. 19 en route to meet with Turkish leaders in Ankara.

Although here for just a few hours, Gen. Richard B. Myers

took time to talk to troops about the volatile situation in the gulf.

"There is nobody in their right mind that wants to go to war," Myers said.

"But if you want to change a regime, you have to put the pressure on so they do the right thing."

In this case, that pressure has taken the form of deployed

servicemembers.

"The way to pressure a regime is to build up forces, and that's what we're doing," the general said. "We've steadily built up the rest of the region, and we'll do the same (in Turkey) if we get permission."

"We'll continue to build up forces until the regime sees no choice (but to change)," he said. "It's our only hope of avoiding conflict."

Myers was quick to add that everything is reversible.

"But in the meantime, we have to be ready," he said. "Our (leadership's) job is to make sure our military plans are sound so we present President Bush with ultimate flexibility. We have to convince Iraq with all means available to do the right thing."

The chairman stressed war is not inevitable.

"In my mind, there isn't a trigger event we're looking at," the chairman said.

Myers said there are several

factors that can determine future events.

"I'll personally be paying attention to the interim report by the inspectors to the (United Nations) on Jan. 27," he said. "While it will be important, that alone won't trigger war. But (there are) other things in the news, like finding artillery shells and documents on a nuclear program ... we'll have to wait and see."

But how long can the military wait at such a high state of readiness?

"If it's important enough, a heck of a long time," Myers said.

It seems as if military people agree, he said.

"People are fired up, charged up, whether airmen, soldiers, sailors, Marines, civilians or Turkish nationals," he said. "They're ready to do whatever called on to do."

While most of the world remains focused on Iraq, the chairman said U.S. leaders

have not forgotten about the situation in North Korea.

"We're trying to work through diplomatic channels," he said. "Since we haven't seen any major preparation for war, we have no intent to move forces around."

Myers said government officials will continue to watch the situation closely.

"When I was a captain stationed at Kadena [Air Base, Japan], during the Vietnam War, I attended a big formal party," he said. "The wing commander stood up and told us there was good news, no deployments in the foreseeable future. The next day, we were heading out."

The lesson he learned was that the future is uncertain, and people have to be prepared for anything.

But this uncertainty can be stressful, particularly in forward-deployed locations like Incirlik, the general said.

"Don't underestimate what you do," he said. "While there are pluses and minuses of being forward deployed, what you do is so important ... you bring

peace and stability."

The chairman said the reserve components, especially the members with full-time civilian jobs, have it particularly hard. "We're continuing to work to ensure there's no undue burden on our guardsmen and reservists," he said. "As a former guardsman himself, the president understands reservists' situation in a personal way. He has expressed his appreciation on many occasions."

This appreciation extends to all military people, whether active duty or reserve.

"I sleep easy at night knowing you and your counterparts are ready to do what you need to do," he said. "There are people out there trying to plot against our way of life and are prepared to do so with chemical, biological, even nuclear weapons. The world is a lot safer because you're here."

"Your families back home may be worried, and they have a right to be," he said. "But they're a lot safer with you here than back home. In the end, the difference you make is huge."



GENERAL MYERS

# Rumsfeld: Time running out for Iraq



RUMSFELD

By Kathleen T. Rhem  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Time is running out for Saddam Hussein to disarm, and any military solution is likely to draw heavily from the Guard and Reserve, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Jan. 20.

"No one wants war, but as the president has said, Iraq will be disarmed and the decision between war and peace will be made not in Washington, D.C., and not in the United Nations in New York, but rather in Baghdad," Rumsfeld told a group of reserve officers in Washington today. "It is their decision. Either they will cooperate or they won't, and it will not take months to determine whether or not they are cooperating."

At a symposium of the Reserve Officers Association, Rumsfeld explained why the United States is contemplating military action against Iraq but not North Korea. He said "repressive dictators" run both countries and both pose a threat, but they don't pose the same level of threat.

Iraq is unique because "no other living dictator has shown the same deadly combination of capability and intent" to attack his neighbors and his own people.

"In both word and deed, Iraq has demonstrated that it is seeking the means to strike the United States and our friends and allies with weapons of mass destruction for a reason, so that it can acquire ... territory and assert

influence over its neighbors," Rumsfeld said.

North Korea, on the other hand, is "a country in many respects teetering on the verge of collapse," he added. "There is starvation." North Korea's history has been one of attempting to stave off economic disaster by using its weapons programs to blackmail the West, he said.

The Defense Department relies heavily on reserve components because many critical skills are found primarily in the National Guard and Reserve. Rumsfeld said he'd like to see this changed and noted that experts in the Pentagon are working on the problem. "If we want to have a total force and we want that concept to work, we've

got to be respectful of the fact that people in the reserves and the Guard have jobs," he said.

Before heading to Walter Reed Army Medical Center to visit service members injured in Afghanistan, Rumsfeld told the reserve officers their contributions would be vital in the coming months.

"At this time of call-ups, alerts, mobilizations, deployments and uncertainty, please know that the American people are counting on you and have full confidence in you," he said. "We can all live our lives as free people in this dangerous and still untidy world and in this new century because brave men and women like you voluntarily put your lives at risk to defend our freedom."

## Savings bond holding period increases

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Department of Treasury officials have announced that the minimum holding period for Series EE and I bonds increases from six to 12 months beginning Feb. 1.

This means people who purchase EE or I bonds on or after Feb. 1 must wait one year before they may redeem those bonds.

People who purchase bonds will receive a notification of this new policy with their bonds until the current preprinted bond stock reflects the change.

More information is available at [www.savingsbonds.gov](http://www.savingsbonds.gov).

*"The American people are counting on you and have full confidence in you."*



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## CHAPEL SERVICES

### TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

#### Catholic services

- » Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m., communion service or Mass, Chapel Center.
- » Thursday, noon, Catholic communion service, David Grant Medical Center Chapel.
- » Saturday, 4 to 4:45 p.m., confessions, Chapel One.
- » Saturday Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel One.
- » Sunday Mass, 9 a.m., Chapel One.
- » Sunday, 9 a.m., children's liturgy of the Word, Chapel One.
- » Sunday Mass, 12:30 p.m., Chapel Center.

#### Protestant services

- » Friday, noon, 30-minute worship service, DGMC Chapel.
- » Sunday, 8 a.m., community, praise and worship service, Chapel Center.
- » Sunday, 10:30 a.m., community worship service, Chapel Center. Nursery class for kids 3 months to 3 years.
- » Sunday, 11 a.m., community Gospel service, Chapel One.

#### Contemporary Christian services

Sundays, 5 p.m., Inside Out, Chapel Center. Children's program provided. For more information, contact Chaplain (Capt.) Herb Shao at 424-3943.

#### Wicca services

Classes are held at various locations and times. E-mail beltane@prodigy.net for current information.

### Chapel News & Information

#### Winter Retreat

Join Inside Out for a weekend of fun on the slopes while in expectation for marriage or rejuvenating your marriage. Participant's will discover God's intentions for intimate relationships from the book of Song of Solomon. The group departs Feb. 7 and returns Feb. 10. Space is limited. For more information, call Chaplain Herb Shao at 424-3942 or David Hill at 437-8599.

Center service on Palm Sunday, April 13. This dramatic presentation is open to everyone. Cantata rehearsals are held Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. at the Chapel Center. The group still needs voices as well as several non-speaking cast members. For more details, call Carol Boyer after 4 p.m. at 429-3850.

#### A.C.T.S. series

Ever wish your children came with instruction manuals? Join ACTS (Active Couples Sharing Together) for a series on "Raising Children of Faith." The series is held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 7 p.m. at Chapel One. For more information, contact Al Dowleyne at 447-9259.

#### Home Bible Study

Feed your body and your soul with the Chapel's Journey Groups:

- » Bible 101 for Gen X Folks (Inside Out) is an overview of the major events, people and places of the Bible. The group meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

- » Learning From Couples in the Bible is a Bible study and marriage enrichment program Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Childcare is provided. For more information, call Chaplain Shao at 424-3942.

#### Looking for Leadership

The Chapel is looking for men to get involved in Protestant Men of the Chapel. If interested, contact Al Dowleyne at 447-9259.

#### Easter Cantata

The 10:30 Chapel Center Protestant Chancel Choir has begun rehearsing a dramatic musical for Easter. The presentation will be at the 10:30 Chapel

#### Archbishop to visit Travis April 22

Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien of the Archdiocese for the Military Services will visit Travis April 22 to celebrate the Rite of Confirmation.



## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

## Announcements

## Youth lock-in

A Youth Lock-In and Talent Extravaganza sponsored by the Chapel One Gospel Youth Choir will be held today and Saturday from 6:30 p.m. to 8 a.m.

The lock-in is open to children and young adults, ages 13 to 21. Participants should first register at Chapel One. After registration, the lock-in will be held at the Fitness Center on Travis Boulevard. Following the Lock-in, participants will return to Chapel One where they can be picked up. Lock-in coordinators are asking for a donation of \$5 per person. For more information, contact Dyanah Gant at (707) 421-1184.

## Winter Adventures

The Information, Tickets and Travel office offers a wide variety of winter trips. Take a Napa Valley Tour Saturday; and experience Chinatown Feb. 1. All ITT trips are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and transportation is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children unless otherwise stated. Call Outdoor Recreation at 424-5659 for a complete schedule.

## Nominees needed

The Travis Boys and Girls Club is accepting nominations for the Youth of the Year. Stop by the Teen Zone to pick up a nomination packet weekdays between 2 and 6 p.m. or call 424-3131 for details. All nominations must be turned in by Jan. 31.

## Services

## Today

▲ The Delta Breeze Club's super socials, from 4 to 6 p.m. on Fridays, now have a different theme each week. Tonight is Mexican food. There will be drink specials and free hors d'oeuvres in both lounges with bar bingo and danceable jazz in the Gold Rush Lounge until 9 p.m.

## Saturday

▲ It's Airman Appreciation Day with Outdoor Adventures and First Command. Take OAP's shuttle to Sierra at

Tahoe, and the transportation cost is picked up by First Command. There are a limited number of seats.

Sign up by calling 424-5659. ▲ Travis Information, Tickets and Travel hosts a tour of the Napa Valley Wine Country from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Transportation is \$12 for adults and participants must be 21 or older with a valid ID in order to taste the wine. Call 424-5659 for more information.

## Sunday

▲ Watch the Oakland Raiders play the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in Super Bowl XXXVII at 3 p.m. at the DBC or the Travis Sailing Center. The DBC party starts at 1 p.m. and features more than \$2,500 in prizes, free hors d'oeuvres, drink specials and face painting, as well as a handicap contest. There is a \$3 cover charge for non-members, but members get in free.

▲ The TSC's annual Super Bowl Chili Cook-Off is \$5 per person and includes chili tasting on the San Francisco Bay. Call (415) 929-8204 for information.

## Family Support

## Spouse orientation

▲ Spouse employment orientation is from 9 to 10 a.m. for newly arrived spouses. Learn about employment and career development programs at the Family Support Center. Call 424-2486.

▲ There is a briefing from 10 a.m. to noon providing information on VA benefits for separating and retiring military members.

## Tuesday

▲ The FSC readiness NCO will be conducting Deployment Briefings for all personnel tasked for deployment or TDY. The briefings are at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486 for reservations.

▲ Employment Interviewing Skills I is at the FSC from 8 a.m. to noon. Learn interviewing techniques, how to answer difficult questions and more. Call 424-2486.

▲ The bundles 'n' books

## Acting up for their parents ...



Linda Mann-Hames / 60th Services Squadron

Kindergarten children at Child Development Center 1 acted out the classic tale, Stone Soup, for family and friends in November.

for babies class is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

## Thursday

▲ The informed decisions class is from 8 a.m. to noon and is a mandatory seminar for all first- and second-term enlisted within 15 months of date of separation. Topics include Air Force benefits, retraining, TRICARE and Guard/Reserve opportunities. Call 424-2486.

▲ Marketing Yourself for a Second Career is a class presented by a member of The Retired Officers' Association headquarters staff in Alexandria, Va., from 9 a.m. to noon at the Travis Conference Center. Call 424-2486.

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## Weekly

▲ Operation HERO is a program for students at Center and Scandia elementary schools that provides instruction for children to help them excel and advance in school, academically and socially. Call Center Elementary at 437-4621 or Scandia Elementary at 437-4691.

▲ Put together an application form OF 612 for federal government using the Microsoft Word template at the FSC. Some agencies use a scannable federal resume instead. Either process can be done at the FSC. Call 424-2486 or stop by.

▲ An emergency food pantry at the FSC is available for active duty, civilian employees, retirees and their family members in times of need. A family support specialist will work with each family and offer additional services and referrals when needed. For details call 424-2486.

## Family Advocacy

## Playgroups

Playgroups are for parents and their children and are held at the Chapel One Annex on First Street. The first Tuesday and Wednesday of each month, the playgroups meet at the Duck Pond for a stroller stroll. During rainy weather they meet at McDonald's on the second floor of Solano Mall. The Toddlers Playgroup is Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. for children age 18 months to 3 years. Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. is the Time For Us Playgroup, for children 3 to 5. Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. is the Rattles To Raspberries Playgroup, for infants up to 18 months old.

Parents can network with other parents while their children enjoy crafts, guest speakers, music and free play. Registration is not necessary. For more information call 423-5168.

## Dads boot camp

Boot Camp for new Dads is a program in which veterans (new fathers who bring their babies) show rookies (fathers-to-be) the ropes of fatherhood. The program is for men only. The program is currently recruiting new dads whose wives are expecting and rookie dads whose wives have just had a baby. Classes are held quarterly. The next three-hour workshop is scheduled for Jan. 30. For more information, call 423-5168.

## Parenting classes

Parenting classes are offered as a six-week program geared toward parents of children 3 and older. Classes are held at David Grant Medical Center. Call the Family Advocacy office to register at 423-5168.

## Youth celebrate diversity with T-shirt contest

## 60th Services Squadron

Travis youth have been invited to participate in Vacaville's Cultural Diversity Faire by designing a T-shirt or writing poetry to illustrate the theme, "Vacaville Celebrates Diversity."

All school-age children may enter the contests for a chance to win cash awards.

The grand prize winner of the T-shirt design contest will receive \$100, and their design will be used on T-shirts, banners and publicity for the 2004 Diversity Faire.

Students are asked to submit colorful illustrations using markers, paint or ink on an 8.5 x 11 - inch piece of white paper. No pencil drawings will be accepted.

All entries must be received by the Youth Cen-

ter by noon on Jan. 31.

The poetry contest grand prize winner will also receive \$100 cash and runners-up will receive cash prizes. Winners will be asked to read their poetry at the Faire. Entries must be submitted to the Youth Center by noon on Feb. 23.

There are four age divisions in each contest: Kindergarten to third grade, fourth to sixth grade, seventh to eighth grade and high school. Students must include their age, grade, school and phone number on the back of each entry.

The Vacaville's Cultural Diversity Faire will be held at Andrews Park on May 3.

For more information, call the Youth Center at 424-5392.



Photo by Master Sgt. Dave Nolan

Senior Airman Barry Gordon, a 37th Bomb Squadron crew chief, marshalls a B-1B Lancer after a training sortie at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.

## AF cancels B-1 defensive upgrade

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WASHINGTON — Air Force officials recently announced that the service was canceling the B-1B Lancer's Defensive System Upgrade Program because of cost overruns and schedule slips, but remains committed to improving the aircraft's combat capability.

The DSUP was intended to replace the B-1's current defensive suite with new integrated defensive electronic counter-measure systems and add a fiber optic towed decoy to provide a more capable and upgradeable system, according to an Air Force report.

"The tough decision to terminate DSUP was made because we can really no longer sacrifice capability in pursuit of a post-2010 defensive system plagued by escalating problems with cost and schedule," said Maj. Gen. John D.W. Corley, director of Air Force global power programs.

According to Corley, to continue with DSUP would have required a significant engineering, manufacturing and development program restructure that would have added 17 months and an additional \$175 million to program costs.

Despite this decision by the Air Force, airmen who fly and maintain the B-1 need not worry about their aircraft's future, the general said.

To keep the B-1 viable today and in the future, the Air Force plans put more than \$600 million toward other B-1 efforts, including upgrading the current B-1 defensive system, increasing the funding for B-1 sustaining engineering, increasing the purchase of B-1 weapons carriage equipment and developing an extended-range version of the Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile to increase the bomber's standoff capability.

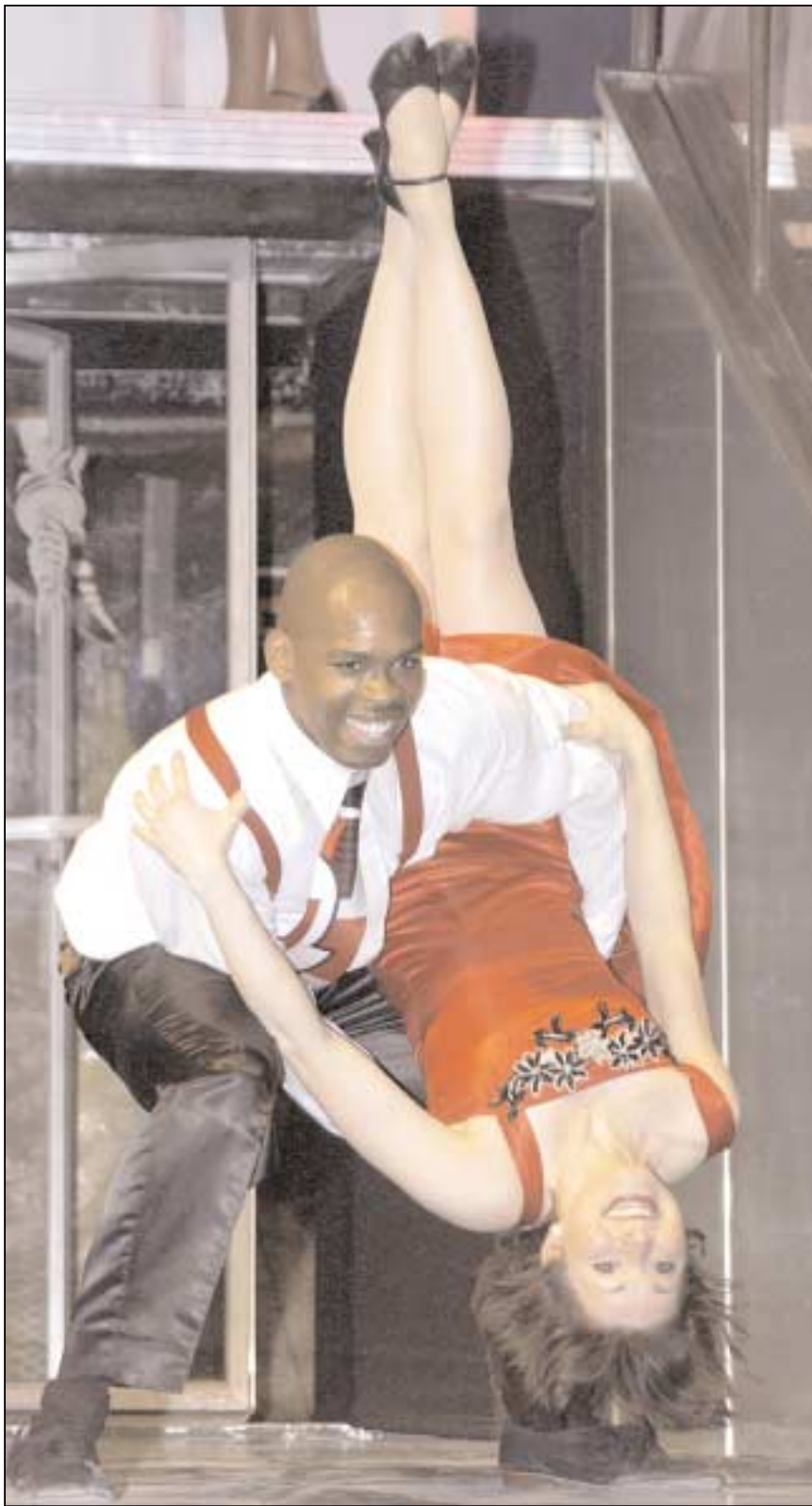
# tops in blue

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**RIGHT** — A Tops in Blue vocalist entertains the Travis crowd during Wednesday evenings performance at the Travis Base Theater. Tops in Blue — which performed at Travis Wednesday and Thursday — is celebrating almost 50 years of entertainment history, representing the Air Force as one of the oldest and most widely traveled entertainment groups of its kind.

**FAR RIGHT, THIS PAGE** — Vocalist Senior Airman Tonie Dickerson hangs on to another Tops in Blue entertainer during a routine Wednesday.

**BELOW** — Airman 1st Class Brian Rubiano, a Tops in Blue vocalist, performs during the Wednesday night Tops in Blue performance.





**Left** — Tops in Blue performers entertain the Travis crowd during Wednesday evening's Tops in Blue performance at the Travis Base Theater. Tops in Blue is an all-active duty Air Force special unit made up of performers selected for their entertainment abilities. Each year, Air Force personnel worldwide compete at base-level talent contests and the most talented move on to higher levels of competition. The result is Tops in Blue, composed of 30 of the most talented entertainers anywhere.



**Left** — Master Sgt. Bryan Lanerud, Tops in Blue first sergeant and vocalist, performs a "Blues Brothers-type" routine with another Air Force entertainer.



**FAR LEFT, THIS PAGE** — Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Potts, 60th Medical Operations Squadron, is coaxed from his seat by Tops in Blue vocalist Staff Sgt. Evelyn Bruce during Wednesday's performance.

**LEFT** — Airman 1st Class Ian Davis, a Tops in Blue performer, belts out a tune on his saxophone. Each Tops in Blue team begins their tour with an intense, 45-day training period at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas — the "home" of Tops in Blue.